

Although the amendments being made are complex, it is believed that each amendment finds support in the application, as will be described in detail below. For the assistance of the Examiner, a copy of the original claims is attached, as noted above, showing in manuscript the amendments that have been made.

Amended Claim 1 has been drafted by incorporating into original Claim 1 the limitations of Claims 3 and 22 for n and R_2 , respectively, and the structures for L_p listed at pages 19 to 27 of the description (see "Insert A" in the hand amended set of claims). Certain structures have been deleted from this list, either because they appear in compounds disclosed in the references cited in the international search report, or because they appear in compounds to be claimed in one of the four new unpublished PCT applications also assigned to Applicants' assignee, Eli Lilly and Company. In addition, Applicants have also incorporated into Claim 1 certain structures for $L-L_p(D)n$ disclosed in the specification at pages 250 to 253 (see "Insert B" in the hand amended set of claims). It is necessary to incorporate all of the structures into Claim 1 in order to cover all of the Examples requiring protection in this application.

New Claim 28 is based upon the passage beginning after "(preferably" in Claim 22, part (i).

New independent Claim 29 has been drafted by incorporating the limitations of original Claims 3, 14, 15 and 22 into Claim 1, but excluding certain compounds claimed in original Claim 16 (see "Insert A1" in the hand amended set of claims). These excluded compounds are claimed in the four new unpublished PCT applications mentioned above.

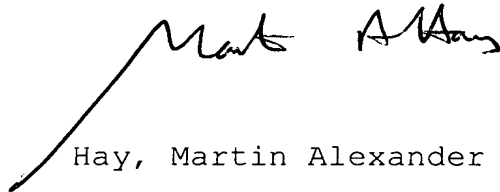
New Claims 1 and 29 both fall within the scope of original Claim 1, and cover many of the same Examples. However, the scopes of the two new claims do not overlap entirely. Because the two new independent claims both fall within the scope of original Claim 1, and because they cover many of the same Examples, it is believed that the application still has unity.

The dependent claims correspond with dependent claims as originally filed, but some consequential amendments have been made in Claims 16 to 18. In addition, various typographical/clerical errors have been corrected.

It is therefore respectfully submitted that no new matter has been introduced by the amendments. In particular, none of the amendments has created a novel selection.

Favorable consideration of the application is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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